

JUDGE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ABIDEMI RUFAI,  
a/k/a Sandy Tong

Defendant.

NO. CR21-5186BHS

ORDER RE DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION RE: PASSPORT  
RELEASE

BEFORE THIS COURT is an unopposed motion for the Eastern District  
of New York Pretrial Services to release Mr. Rufai's Nigerian passport to Mr. Rufai's case  
manager at FCI Fort Dix;

Having considered the filings related to this issue, argument, and upon exercising the  
Court's discretion, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that defendant's motion be and the  
same is hereby granted. It is further

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1 ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court hereby orders the  
2 Eastern District of New York Pretrial Services to release Mr. Rufai's Nigerian passport to  
3 Mr. Rufai's case manager at FCI Fort Dix.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 DATED this 21st day of October 2024.



8 JUDGE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE

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10 HESTER LAW GROUP, INC., P.S.  
11 Attorneys for Defendant

12 /s/ Lance M. Hester  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Kristine Triboulet, hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that on the date set forth below, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the attorneys of record for the plaintiff and co-defendants, if any, and hereby certify that I have mailed the document by U.S. Postal Service to Rufai Abidemi, defendant.

Signed at Tacoma, Washington this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

/s/ Kristine Triboulet  
Kristine Triboulet